In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a managed object, comprising:

dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description for a function of said object, wherein said object is a hardware device;

communicating with said managed object with an operator input command, including a GET command to request data from said managed object, a SET command to modify existing data of said managed object, and an INVOKE command to create new data, wherein a single URL assigned to an attribute of said managed object is used for each of said operator commands;

interpreting said operator input command according to said format; ~~and~~

executing said function to manage configuration of said object in response to said interpretation of said operator input command; and

~~returning~~ displaying a response of said executed function to an operator ~~a user interface~~.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising translating a response received from said managed object into said interpretable format.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said meta data description for a function of said object includes a uniform resource locator assigned to said function.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said meta data describes one or more internal commands associated with said function.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of dynamically generating an

interpretable format from a meta data description includes building a data structure to inform an operator of a required format for communication with said managed object.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising communicating with said managed object in real-time.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description for a function of said object includes an interface selected from a group consisting of: a command line interface, and a graphical user interface.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system with a managed object comprising:

a manager to dynamically generate an interpretable format from a meta data description for said object, wherein said object is a hardware device;

an input command to communicate with said managed object, including a GET command to request data from said managed object, a SET command to modify existing data of said managed object, and an INVOKE command to create new data, wherein a single URL assigned to an attribute of said managed object is used for each of said operator commands; ~~and~~

an interpreter to translate said input command according to said interpretable format, wherein an action is executed to manage configuration of said object in response to said translation; and

a response of said executed action ~~returned~~ displayed to an operator ~~a user interface~~.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein a meta data description for a function of said object includes a uniform resource locator assigned to said function.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein said meta data description includes one or more internal commands associated with said function.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said manager builds a data structure to inform an operator of a required format for communication with said managed object.

12. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a response manager to dynamically interpret response data.

13. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said manager is selected from a group consisting of: a command line interface, and a graphical user interface.

14. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a computer-readable and recordable data storage medium;

means in the medium for dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description associated with a function of a managed object wherein said object is a hardware device;

means in the medium for communicating with said managed object through an operator input command, including a GET command to request data from said managed object, a SET command to modify existing data of said managed object, and an INVOKE command to create new data, wherein a single URL assigned to an attribute of said managed object is used for each of said operator commands;

means in the medium for interpreting said operator input command based upon said interpretable format; and

means in the medium for executing said function to manage configuration of said object responsive to said interpretation of said operator input command and for ~~returning~~ displaying a

response of said executed function to an operator ~~a user interface~~.

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16. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein said meta data description includes a uniform resource locator assigned to said function.

17. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein said meta data describes one or more internal commands associated with said function.

18. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein said means for dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta dat description includes a data structure of a required format for communication with said managed object.

19. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 14, further comprising communicating with said managed object in real-time.

20. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein said means in the medium for dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description associated with a function of a managed object is selected from a group consisting of: a command line interface, and a graphical user interface.